

**California Mental Health  
Stigma & Discrimination Reduction Advisory Committee  
March 3, 2009**

**DRAFT VISION STATEMENT WORKSHEET**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DIRECTIONS:** Take a few minutes to read over this draft Vision Statement for the Strategic Plan. It was developed based on the Advisory Committee's discussions during the first two meetings. If you see ways to improve it, please comment on this sheet or on the back.

Keep in mind that vision statements are meant to inspire and set a tone for the rest of the Strategic Plan at a "50,000 foot level." We will collect these sheets.

We envision dignity, social inclusion, equality and wellness for all as we journey toward reducing mental health stigma and discrimination in our communities and throughout the 58 counties of our state of California. We envision a future where people impacted by mental health problems are treated with equality and respect and have plentiful avenues to recovery, education, housing, and employment.

Our vision for the future is one in which differences are accepted, embraced and celebrated, and where shame and fear of disclosing mental health problems belong to the past. We see the coming decades as ripe with potential, because in that future, people are valued for how they imagine and achieve their dreams, rather than defined by labels or stereotypes.

Out of our desire for equality and dignity for those impacted by mental health problems comes a vision of partnerships with community stakeholders at all levels, and a California that provides an environment of understanding, compassion, and awareness that will result in a lifting up of us all.